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SUBJ: WEO GROUP BATTLE FOR ICJ ELECTION

1. AT WEO GROUP MEETING 28 OCT, GROUP DISCUSSED
CONTINUING DILEMMA OF THE SIX CANDIDATURES FOR THE
SINGLE SEAT. THOSE STILL ACTIVELY RUNNING ARE:
MOSLER (FRG), HAMBRO (NORWAY), PETREN (SWEDEN), MANNER
(FINLAND), BINDSKEDLER (SWISS) AND VEROSTA (AUSTRIA).

2. AMB. VINCI OF ITALY INTRODUCED PROPOSAL THAT
CHAIRMAN OF GROUP FOR NOV., AMB. HARRY (AUSTRALIA),
SHOULD CONDUCT A SECRET STRAW VOTE AMONG THE MEMBERS OF
THE GROUP (INCLUDING THE OBSERVERS; (U.S., SWISS AND
MONACO) ASKING EACH COUNTRY TO LIST ITS FIRST AND
SECOND COHOCES. AMB. HARRY WOULD INFORM THE GROUP OF
THE RESULT AND VOICE THE HOPE THAT SIX CANDIDATES CAN BE
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REDUCED TO A SINGLE GROUP CHOICE. THE GRQP AGREED TO

THIS PROPOSAL AND AMB. HARRY WILL PROCEED ASAP.

3. DURING DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP INCLUDING UK, FRANCE, AND BELGIUM STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE GROUP TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PUT FORTH A SINGLE CANDIDATE LEST A MULTIPLE WEO SLATE ENCOURAGE AN OUTSIDER OR ANOTHER GROUP TO RUN FOR WEO SEAT. THE CHAIRMAN NOTED OTHER GROUPS HAVE AGREED NOT TO POACH ON WEO SEAT BUT SAID HE COULD NOT PROMISE THAT THIS AGREEMENT WOULD HOLD UP INDIFINITELY IF TEMTATION WAS GREAT.

4. SECRETARIAT HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ICJ ELECTION FOR 17, AND IF NECESSARY 18 NOV. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THIS DATE MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT LATE IN VIEW OF ZIONISM AND PALESTINE ITEMS IN PLENARY WHICH COULD ADVERSELY EFFECT WEO STRENGTH IN ICJ ELECTION. THE CHAIRMAN AGREED TO TRY TO SCHEDULE THE ELECTIONS ONE WEEK EARLIER BUT WAS NOT SANGUINE THAT HE WOULD SUCCEED.

5. ONLY THE EE GROUP NOW HAS AN AGREED SLATE.

6. PLEASE INSTRUCT.
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